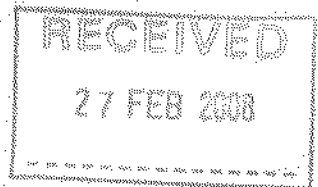


STATEMENT OF WITNESS



STATEMENT OF PAUL McCRUMLISH

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF February 2008

I, PAUL McCRUMLISH declare that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence at the Inquiry I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

1. The documents which have been produced and disclosed to me for the purpose of making this Witness Statement are listed below together with their page numbers in the Inquiry materials. Where I refer to a particular page of a document the Inquiry page number will be given for ease of reference.
2. The Inquiry has disclosed a number of documents to me. Where I make specific reference to a document in my statement I have given the number of the relevant page.
3. I served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary for 26 years until I retired in April 2001. In April 1997 I was a member of the Crime Squad attached to Gough Barracks in Armagh. I had been stationed there for four to five years.
4. I spent the first 18 months of my career as a uniformed officer and I then moved into the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Portadown. Apart from the two years I spent in the Cambridgeshire Constabulary, I spent the rest of my career working in CID or the Regional Crime Squad in Armagh. I never received training in using the HOLMES systems but I did receive training in interview techniques and forensic scene preservation.
5. I first became involved in the Robert Hamill murder investigation on the 9 May 1997. We received morning briefings but I cannot recall who carried them out. It was usual practice for the Inspector to do them so it may have been Detective